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In re application of: Venegas, Jr.

Serial No.: 09/779,782

Group No.: 3635

Filed: Feb. 8, 2001

Examiner: S. Varner

For: BARRIER COVER

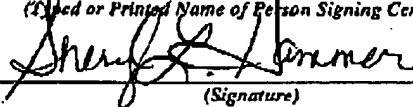
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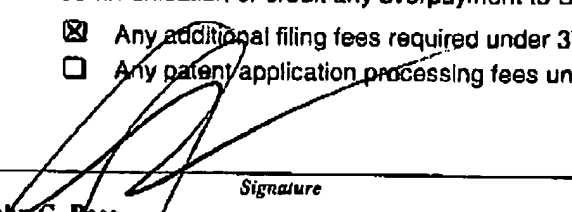
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Applicant(s): Venegas, Jr.			IDS-14502/14
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